

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



A PROCLAMATION



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY

Whereas International education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

Whereas By participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

Whereas We live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

Whereas The United States Department of State and the United States Department of Education have declared November 13th -17th, 2006 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation,

Now, Therefore, I, Mitt Romney, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 13th-17th, 2006, to be

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirtieth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature of Mitt Romney.

MITT ROMNEY
Governor of the Commonwealth

A handwritten signature of William F. Galvin.

WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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